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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

Kevin J. Low, et al.

for: RETAINER FOR BUTTRESSING AN
ELEMENT AND A METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE RETAINER

Serial No.: 10/040,144

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2003, wherein the Examiner has required the election of claims alleged by the Examiner to embody distinct inventions, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I for further prosecution on the merits. The claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-7, 20, and 21, as described by the Examiner, are drawn to a retainer.

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Applicants believe that the foregoing election fully complies with the Office Action and that all of the claims of the application are allowable. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicants hereby enclose a check in the amount \$55.00 for a one-month extension of time. Applicants believe that no other fees are due in connection with this Response. However, if any charges are incurred, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-0235 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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